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FOR SIMONS FROM ANDREWS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN, RO

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL/INFORMAL

1. ION POPA (BUCHAREST 2490). UNABLE TO CONTACT POPA DIRECTLY BUT FBI TOLD US UNOFFICIALLY THAT POPA HAS SENT A TELEGRAM TO EMBASSY OFFERING SUPPORT FOR WIFE AND CHILD. IF YOU NEED MORE, BELIEVE WE CAN ARRANGE TO CONTACT HIM THROUGH FBI.

2. VLAD GEORGESCU. HARRY BARNES TALKED TO JIM BILLINGTON MAY 12. BILLINGTON WILL SEND A LETTER EARLY NEXT WEEK TO NICOLAE (HE DOES NOT KNOW NICOLAE PERSONALLY) AND WILL FOLLOW UP THE FOLLOWING WEEK WITH EITHER A PHONE CALL OR A VISIT TO NICOLAE. HE WILL STRESS THE DESIRABILITY OF HAVING A RENOWNED ROMANIAN SCHOLAR PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE WILSON CENTER BUT WILL NOT ALLUDE TO GEORGESCU'S TYING HIMSELF INTO THE ROMANIAN EXILE COMMUNITY SINCE WE
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THINK THIS TOO RISKY.

3. DECREE 223 CLAIMS. APPRECIATE YOUR PROMPT REPORTING ON THIS THORNY MATTER. THERE IS A MEETING WEDNESDAY OF THE EAST-WEST TRADE BOARD WORKING GROUP, AND WE UNDERSTAND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUFFBAUER OF TREASURY HAS TAKEN A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE CLAIMS PROBLEM AND INTENDS TO

RAISE IT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU CAN GIVE US BEFORE THEN THAT WOULD SHOW SOME PROGRESS. THIS MAY BE A TALL ORDER.

4. CYRUS GILBERT ABBE. WE HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM SENATOR JAVITS ATTACHING A LETTER TO HIM FROM ABBE, IN WHICH ABBE STATES THAT WHEN HE RECENTLY DEPARTED BUCHAREST, AIRPORT AUTHORITIES SEIZED A NUMBER OF LETTERS FROM ROMANIAN JEWS SEEKING TO EMIGRATE TO THE U.S. AND ISRAEL. ABBE IS AFRAID OF REPRISAL AGAINST THOSE WHO GAVE HIM LETTERS. HE ATTACHED A LIST OF 17 CASES, SOME OF WHOM, SUCH AS ADALBERT ROSINGER, RELA DICKMAN, SANDA MANESCU, DUMITRU AND PARASCHIVA JULIAN, ETC. ARE ALREADY KNOWN TO US. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT YOU CAN SHED ON THIS. VANCE

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